

Suggestions for topics to be scrutinised – evaluation table

A Member/Officer suggesting a topic for scrutiny must complete this table as fully as possible. Completed tables will be presented to Overview & Scrutiny for consideration.

Proposer: Councillor/Officer Councillor Karen Collett	
<p>Topic recommended for scrutiny:</p> <p><i>Please include as much detail as is available about the specific issues and areas which should be included/excluded from the review. Should the focus be on past performance, future policy or both?</i></p>	<p>Hospital Parking and its high charges</p> <p>People visiting A & E have to worry about money running out of meter, as waits in Casualty are long.</p> <p>Patients' families who are called in as a loved one is losing their fight for life. Ticket given – causing distress.</p> <p>I feel we should support the users and staff of Watford General.</p>
<p>Why have you recommended this topic for scrutiny?</p>	<p>I feel that Watford residents are penalised for using the hospital services.</p>
<p>What are the specific outcomes you wish to see from the review?</p>	<p>Reducing the cost for outpatients and visitors. Free parking for individual cases. To lessen the financial burden of users. A fairer system.</p>

Does the proposed item meet the following criteria?	
It must affect a group or community of people	People using Watford General and visitors
It must relate to a service, event or issue in which the council has a significant stake	Healthcare
It must not have been a topic of scrutiny within the last 12 months	
It must not be an issue, such as planning or licensing, which is dealt with by another council committee	No
Does the topic meet the council's priorities?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the health of the town and enhance its heritage 2. Enhance the town's 'clean & green' environment 3. Enhance the town's sustainability 4. Enhance the town's economic prosperity and potential 5. Supporting individuals and the community 6. Securing an efficient, effective, value for money council 7. Influence and partnership delivery Number 1 Number 5 Number 7

<p>Are you aware of any limitations of time or other constraints which need to be taken into account?</p> <p><i>Factors to consider are forthcoming milestones, demands on the relevant service area and member availability</i></p>	<p>Possibility</p>
<p>Does the topic involve a Council partner or other outside body?</p>	<p>Yes – Hospital Trust / Car Park Contractor</p>
<p>Please complete the ‘sign off’ section at the end of this document</p>	

The following section to be completed by Democratic Services

Consultation with relevant Heads of Service

(this section to be completed by Democratic Services)

It is important to ensure that the relevant service can support a review by providing the necessary documents and attending meetings as necessary. The Head of Service's comments should be obtained before the request to hold a review is put to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Has the relevant Head of Service been consulted?

Email to Managing Director 2/6/11

Is this a topic which the service department(s) is able to support.

Response awaited

When was the last time this service was the subject of a scrutiny review?

Sign off			
Councillor/Officer	Date	Head of Service	date
K Collett	24/5/11		